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**Response to Office Action dated September 12, 2000**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000, having a statutory period for response expiring December 12, 2000, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 23, page 4, lines 18-21, page 29, line 22, page 60, line 5, and page 89, line 22 of the specification, please delete the phrase "http://" from all website addresses.

On page 6, line 21, please insert a right parenthesis after the word "reference."

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 10.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A substantially purified nucleic acid molecule, said nucleic acid molecule capable of specifically hybridizing, under conditions of 6.0 x sodium chloride/sodium citrate (SSC) at about 45°C, followed by a wash of 2.0 x SSC at 50°C, to a second nucleic acid